

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Senator Andrew W. Roraback, Co-Chair Representative Paul Davis, Co-Chair Legislative Regulation Review Committee State Capitol – Room 011 Hartford, CT 06106

Re: DSS Regulation # 11-11 - Licensed Behavioral Health Clinicians

Dear Senator Roraback and Representative Davis:

Pursuant to section 4-170(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit for your approval a proposed regulation to adopt new sections 17b-262-912 to 17b-262-925, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to set forth requirements for payment of services performed by licensed behavioral health clinicians in independent practice. The licensed behavioral health clinicians covered by this regulation are: licensed clinical social workers, licensed marital and family therapists, licensed professional counselors and licensed alcohol and drug counselors.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the Connecticut Law Journal on January 17, 2012. A public hearing was not held. The Department received one set of written comments. Copies of the notice of intent and the Department's response to the public comment are attached. On October 26, 2012, the Office of the Attorney General approved the proposed regulation as legally sufficient. A copy of the proposed regulation has been submitted to the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

If you or your staff require additional information or clarification concerning this proposed regulation, please contact Joel Norwood at (860) 424-5124 with legal or procedural questions or Paul Piccione at (860) 424-5160 with policy questions.

Sincerely,

Roderick L. Bremby Commissioner

Enclosures

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